

SENATE RESOLUTION 7

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Eleanor Elizabeth Hendrickson Edmonds of Harriman.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Eleanor Elizabeth Hendrickson Edmonds; and

WHEREAS, born on March 20, 1933, in Dickey Valley to George Ed and Blannie "Granny" Hendrickson, Eleanor Edmonds was raised on a farm alongside her eleven siblings; and

WHEREAS, she attended Clax Gap School, a one-room schoolhouse, until the seventh grade, when she began attending Oliver Springs Elementary School, and graduated from Oliver Springs High School in 1951, having served as class secretary, a member of the basketball team, and a participant of Volunteer Girl's State; and

WHEREAS, she married her high school sweetheart and the love of her life, Samuel Edmonds, on October 18, 1952. Following the wedding, the pair moved to Walton, Florida, where Mr. Edmonds had been stationed with the U.S. Air Force; and

WHEREAS, upon her return to Tennessee when her husband's military service had been completed, Mrs. Edmonds worked at Roane Hosiery, Union Carbide, and finally Martin Marietta, from which organization she retired in 1994; and

WHEREAS, from a young age, Mrs. Edmonds loved to play and watch sports, especially the Bobcats basketball, Tennessee Volunteers, and Atlanta Braves teams. Her favorite sport was softball, and she proudly played on her church's softball team until she was sixty-three years old; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Edmonds was a charter member of Pine Ridge Baptist Church, which she and her husband served faithfully for many years as treasurer. Additionally, she taught the Junior Class in Sunday School; served as coordinator of the church's senior group, the Prime Timers; sang in the choir; and served on the Kitchen Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Edmonds was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she is survived by her children, George Alan Edmonds, Kathy (Jerry) Davis, and Lisa (Frankie) Davis; her grandchildren, Clint (Jessica) Edmonds, Samuel (Andrea) Davis, and Ben (Kate) Davis; her great-grandchildren, Maverick Edmonds and Franklin Davis; her step-grandchildren, Troy Waldo, Emily Waldo, and Rebecca Vincent; and her step great-granddaughter, Eleanor Kay Vincent; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her parents, George Ed and Blannie "Granny" Hendrickson; her husband, Samuel Edmonds; her infant son, Bennie Paul Edmonds; her siblings, Earl Hendrickson, Edward Hendrickson, Estel Hendrickson, Bennie Hendrickson, Richard Hendrickson, Hoyt Hendrickson, Frank Hendrickson, Myrtle May Brown, Jean Barger, Ruth Randles, and Nellie Ray Hendrickson; and her daughter-in-law, Debbie Edmonds; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Edmonds leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Eleanor Elizabeth Hendrickson Edmonds, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Edmonds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.